

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This communication is in response to the Final Office Action mailed September 28, 2007. Claim 1-16 have been canceled, without prejudice. New claims 17-31 have been added. No new matter has been added. Claims 17-31 remain pending in this application with claims 17 and 24 being the only independent claims. Reconsideration of the outstanding rejections in view of the amendments to the claims is requested.

Claim objections

Claim 1 was objected to for a typographical error. In the amended set of claims this typographical error has been corrected.

Claim rejections under 35 USC § 112

The Examiner rejected claims 1-14 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The amended set of claims correct for the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Furthermore, applicants wish to note that the “drawer frame” and “drawer bottom” are no longer positively recited in the body of claims 17-23. Accordingly, neither the “drawer frame” nor the “drawer bottom” are positively claimed components, in claims 17-23. Note that the reference to these terms in the preamble of claim 17 is merely an intended use. As for claim 23, the term “configured” structurally describes the connector component (14) relative to the “drawer frame”, rather than positively reciting the drawer frame itself. However, in independent claims 24-31, these same claimed components are in fact positively recited.

Allowable Subject Matter

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner has indicated that claims 1-14 contain allowable subject matter which would be in condition for allowance if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Applicants submit that the new claims overcome the outstanding rejections to the claims under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, but retain the allowable subject matter and therefore request that the Examiner pass the application to issuance.

CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

If entry and consideration of the amendments above requires an extension of time, Applicant respectfully requests that this be considered a petition therefor. The Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee(s) due in this connection to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

ADDITIONAL FEE

Please charge any insufficiency of fees, or credit any excess, to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

Respectfully submitted,
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